

Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application PCT/EP2003/013920 filed December 9, 2003

In the Specification:

At page 1, delete the Title and enter therefor:

-- METHOD FOR PRODUCING ALKYL OLIGOGLUCOSIDE
AND ALKENYL OLIGOGLUCOSIDE CARBOXYLIC ACID SALTS WITH REDUCED
ORGANOCHLORINE COMPOUNDS

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 claiming priority from Application PCT/EP2003/013920 filed on December 9, 2003, which claims priority of German patent application DE 102 59 403.1 filed on December 19, 2002, the entire contents of each application are incorporated herein by reference.--

At page 1, line 7, delete "Prior Art" and enter therefor:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 2, line 3, delete "Description of the Invention" and enter:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 2, delete the paragraph beginning at line 11 and enter therefor:

"It has surprisingly been found that, by subjecting the pastes to an alkaline aftertreatment, the overall content of organic chlorine compounds can be reduced to at least below 35 ppm, and, generally, even to below 10 ppm.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

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At page 7, at line 1 thereof, please delete the section heading "CLAIMS" and insert the following new section heading:

--WE CLAIM--

Enter a new page 9 submitted herewith, containing the Abstract of the Disclosure.